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SUBJECT: PROPOSED LONDON FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

1. FYI: THE PRESS HERE IS ZEROING IN ON POSSIBILITY OF
KAMEL-DAYAN MEETING. MOST SPECIFIC REPORT TO APPEAR
SO FAR IS BRIEF PARAGRAPH IN LONG WRAP-UP ARTICLE ON
MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS BY KAREN HOUSE DATELINED
JERUSALEM IN TODAY'S WALL STREET JOURNAL WHICH SAYS THAT
USG IS TRYING TO ARRANGE A MEETING NEXT MONTH IN LONDON
BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN
FOREIGN MINISTERS. IN BRIEF EXCHANGE WITH DINITZ, THE
SECRETARY TOLD HIM WE WERE EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF
GETTING FOREIGN MINISTERS TOGETHER TO RESUME EGYPTIAN-
ISRAELI CONTACTS; DINITZ RESPONDED THAT GOI WOULD
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WELCOME THIS.

2. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD HAVE A WORD
WITH DAYAN TO GIVE HIM GENERAL IDEA OF WHAT WE ARE UP
TO AND TO FORESHADOW FULLER PRESENTATION CONTAINED
IN SEPTTEL SENT TO YOU EARLIER TODAY. WE DO NOT WANT
TO GO INTO DETAILS UNTIL WE HAVE REPORT OF EILTS' TALK

WITH EGYPTIANS SINCE THAT MAY REQUIRE SOME MODIFICATION
OF YOUR PRESENTATION. END FYI.

3. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE HAVE A WORD WITH DAYAN ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES: ISRAELIS MAY HAVE SEEN SOME PRESS
REPORTS THAT WE ARE SEEING WHAT WE CAN DO TO GET
EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS RESTARTED, AND WE WANT DAYAN
TO KNOW WHERE MATTERS STAND. AS ISRAELIS HAVE URGED
US TO DO, WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSING ON EGYPTIANS THE
IMPORTANCE OF RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS. AS A RESULT OF OUR
PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS WITH EGYPTIANS, OUR THINKING
IS FOCUSING ON POSSIBILITY OF PROPOSING THAT, AS FIRST
STEP, DAYAN AND KAMEL MEET IN LONDON, WITH SECRETARY
VANCE PRESENT FOR AT LEAST SOME OF THEIR SESSIONS, IN
JULY 10-12 TIMEFRAME. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO APPROACH
GOI WITH MORE DETAILED PROPOSAL IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS
AFTER EILTS HAS HAD A CHANCE TO PURSUE THIS IDEA FURTHER
IN CAIRO. WE MEANWHILE WANTED DAYAN TO HAVE THIS
BACKGROUND FOR HIS AND PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE
INFORMATION. WHATEVER PRESS SPECULATION THERE MAY BE,
WE REQUEST THAT THIS INFORMATION BE TIGHTLY HELD FOR
NOW. MEANWHILE, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY PRELIMINARY REACTION
DAYAN MAY HAVE, INCLUDING TO THE PROPOSED JULY 10-12
DATES. - - -

4. FOR CAIRO: IN YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY TELL KAMEL THAT
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IN VIEW OF VARIOUS SPECULATIVE ARTICLES THAT ARE
BEGINNING TO APPEAR IN THE PRESS ABOUT POSSIBLE EGYPTIAN-
ISRAELI TALKS, WE HAVE AUTHORIZED AMBASSADOR LEWIS TO
INFORM DAYAN IN A PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL WAY OF THE
PROPOSAL WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE EGYPTIANS.
THIS UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING EGYPTIAN RE-
ACTION TO THE PRESENTATION CONTAINED SEPTEL AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE MAY AUTHORIZE LEWIS TO
MAKE HIS FULL PRESENTATION TO DAYAN. VANCE

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